## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant: §

§ Group Art Unit: 1791

Guido NYKIEL, et al. §

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## AMENDMENT/RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION, 37 CFR 1.114

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-referenced application in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.114 and in response to the Final Office Action dated January 4, 2008.

Amendment to the application is requested as set forth below: